

## SUMMARY OF OCEAN MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MASSACHUSETTS

Theme	Recommendation	Description
<b>Governance</b>	Comprehensive Ocean Resources Management Act (CORMA)	The Secretary of Environmental Affairs should develop legislation for a new, comprehensive Ocean Resource Management Act.
<b>Governance</b>	Ocean Management Coordination	The Commonwealth should actively promote federal/regional/state cooperative ecosystem management.
<b>Governance</b>	Climate Change Plans	The Commonwealth's Climate Action Plan should include actions relating to effects of climate change on our coasts and oceans.
<b>Governance</b>	Ocean Sanctuaries Act Revisions	The regulations implementing the Ocean Sanctuaries Act (OSA) (302 CMR 5.00) should be updated.
<b>Management Tools</b>	Fee Structures and Levels	Current Chapter 91 license fees in offshore waters should be examined and adjusted (i.e., increased or decreased) where appropriate.
<b>Management Tools</b>	Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)	The Secretary of Environmental Affairs should convene a working group to develop recommendations regarding the designation of Marine Protected Areas.
<b>Management Tools</b>	Coordination of Mitigation	Interagency coordination of project mitigation should be improved.
<b>Management Tools</b>	Enforcement	Enforcement of existing environmental laws should be a high priority.
<b>Management Tools</b>	Visual, Cultural, and Aesthetic Impacts	Methodologies and standards for the analysis of visual, cultural, and aesthetic impacts of proposed projects in state waters should be developed.
<b>Management Tools</b>	Use Characterization	Inventories of the uses and resources of the state's marine waters should be developed.
<b>Scientific Understanding</b>	Marine and Ocean Resource Trends Advisory Group	An advisory group of marine and fishery scientists should be appointed to advise the state.
<b>Scientific Understanding</b>	Ocean Monitoring and Research	A comprehensive ocean resources monitoring and research plan should be developed.
<b>Scientific Understanding</b>	Seafloor Mapping	The Commonwealth should acquire seafloor maps.
<b>Scientific Understanding</b>	Standardized Protocols for Data Collection	Standards should be developed for monitoring data submitted by project proponents.
<b>Outreach</b>	Ocean Literacy and Stewardship	The Secretary should commit to developing a new ocean literacy and stewardship ethic among all citizens of Massachusetts.
<b>Outreach</b>	Dissemination of Ocean Resource Data	Public dissemination of certain data collected on the Commonwealth's resources, should be increased.